

I hereby certify that this correspondence  
is being sent via United States Postal Service  
as First Class mail addressed to:

**PATENT**  
Attorney Docket No. P1292

Box NON-FEE AMENDMENT  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

On Aug. 23, 2001

By Scott Hewett  
Scott Hewett



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of: WOLAK et al.

Application No.: 09/915,184

Filed: July 24, 2001

For: TRACKING ERROR SUPPRESSION  
AND METHOD OF REDUCING  
TRACKING ERROR

Examiner: unassigned

Art Unit: unassigned

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box NON-FEE AMENDMENT  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examining the above-referenced patent application on the merits,  
please amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On the first page, please delete paragraph [0001] and replace therewith:

91 [001] This invention claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application,  
serial number 60/287,936 entitled TRACKING ERROR SUPPRESSION AND  
METHOD OF REDUCING TRACKING ERROR by Edmund Wolak, Tae Jin Kim, and  
Harrison Ransom, filed April 30, 2001; and from U.S. Provisional Patent Application,  
serial number 60/291,949 entitled ADVANCED LENS SHAPES FOR FIBER  
COUPLED LASERS WITH REDUCED FEEDBACK by Edmund L. Wolak, Lei Xu,  
and Robert Lang, filed May 21, 2001; the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated in